

MVR Procedure 3.5 Counselor Generated Assessment Plan

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Assessment services are those services provided or purchased to answer specific diagnostic questions or discover rehabilitation need. The counselor may administer an assessment or purchase an assessment from a qualified professional. Assessments are medical examinations, psychological tests, vocational batteries, interest inventories, trial work periods, vocational evaluations and community based work assessments purchased from an enrolled work provider. A counselor may utilize traditional training services as a context for assessment only when those services meet the criteria established by this agency for an Assessment Plan.

An Assessment Plan is an assessment strategy originated by the counselor to test the feasibility of a plan in an experienced based assessment environment. To be an Assessment Plan, the following criteria must be met:

1. Traditional medical, psychological and vocational evaluations fail to establish sufficient evidence of feasibility regarding the considered rehabilitation plan.
2. The counselor and consumer can agree on criteria for IPE development prior to the initiation of the plan, and a specific end-date for the period of evaluation.
3. The assessment strategy is documented on the agency "Assessment Plan" format and evaluated in the case record in response to the evaluation dates established on the Plan.

A signed Assessment Plan extends the 120 day timeliness standard of the IPE to the end date of the signed Plan. An Assessment Plan may not exceed 6 months.

Training Points:

Caution: If the agency is in alert for pending order of selection, consumers who are in an Assessment Plan who do not have a signed IPE will not be protected by an IPE status.